

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 7 February 2011 at 8.05 pm

Members: *Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

oMr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	*Mr P Vickers
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr A Wade
oMr G Parkes	*Mr M Wade

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: oMr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor
*Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
*Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
*Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor
1 Member of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

263/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

264/10 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

265/10 **Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

266/10 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

267/10 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

There were no County Councillors present.

268/10 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The last Cabinet Meeting of the District Council dealt with the proposed budget. It is anticipated that there will be no increase in council tax for the forthcoming year. The District Council portion of the precept will be £156 for a Band D property.

Replacement boilers at Applemore Recreation Centre are proposed but it is anticipated that these will have less impact on the environment. The use of photo voltaic cells on the roof is also being investigated.

There will be increases in charges for services, including an increase of 22% for pest control.

There is a proposal to withdraw from PUSH, the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire.

Cuts of £9000 have been made in the Community Safety budget through the loss of an administration post and other smaller cuts. There has been a loss of £80,000 in local area grants (football in the park etc) and the contracts of the PRIME Development Worker and Police Analyst will not be renewed at the end of the year.

The New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee identified failings in the District Council's procedures regarding the existence of a transfer station for asbestos close to housing. It was agreed that the consultation was not carried out appropriately but procedures have been put in place to prevent this happening again.

Housing rates are going up by 6.2% in April which equates to another £4.93 a week. This is intended to bring rents in line with the average of £85 per week in the private sector. Garage rents are to increase by 50p per week.

There will be an increase in service charges for hostels of 15% to cover the cost of the increases in utilities.

60% of tenants of council houses are in receipt of some form of housing benefit. 6000 families are on the waiting list for a council house.

From 2012 there will be changes which will mean that there will no longer be secure tenancies for life. Tenancies will be fixed term from this time and tenants can be downsized to smaller accommodation as needs change. This will not apply to existing tenants.

The cost of the green garden waste sack service is to increase by £3 pa.

The Localism Bill re the Standards Commission Bill will come into force in 2012. The statutory code is to be abolished but councils will be responsible for their own conduct. They must publish a voluntary code. The District Council will no longer be responsible for complaints about parish councils who have adopted a voluntary code.

269/10 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

The Practice Based Commissioning Stakeholder Group has held 4 drop in sessions and one staff one in respect of the future of Hythe Hospital. Sessions were also held at local organisations such as Parent and Toddler Groups. A total of 233 forms were returned.

Residents are keen to see the return of the Minor Injuries Unit and for blood clinics to continue as at present. It is hoped that more diabetic and physiotherapy clinics can be included.

There is to be a new diabetes specialist and weekly COPD sessions and rehabilitation. Investigations are being made into outreach sessions and ultrasound clinics.

Further meetings will be held every 3 months.

270/10 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

There were no questions.

271/10 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

Mr A Wade asked the Chairman whether he was aware of the recent media reports concerning the removal of the subsidy for certain users of Hythe Ferry.

The Chairman replied that he was.

Mr Binns asked the Chairman whether he was aware that the Waterside Cancer Trust is to begin opening on a Friday.

The Chairman replied that he had not been aware of this fact but was very pleased to hear it.

272/10 Reports of Committees**Planning Committee – 10 January 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 January 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 January 2011 be received and adopted.

273/10 Localism Bill – Call for Evidence

Consideration was given to the Localism Bill – Call for Evidence.

RESOLVED

That any comments regarding the Localism Bill – Call for Evidence be forwarded to the Clerk by 14 February 2011 in order for a response to be formulated.

274/10 The New Forest District (Various Roads, Lymington, Pennington, Sway, Hordle, Everton and Hythe) (Parking Places and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2011

Consideration was given to the above.

Members were supportive of the scheme but felt that it would be improved if the no waiting restriction was extended in South Street.

RESOLVED

That New Forest District Council be advised that this council is in favour of the Draft Traffic Management Programme for 2011/12 but would recommend that the no waiting restriction be extended as far as No. 57 South Street.

275/10 Draft Traffic Management Programme for 2011/12 to be progressed by New Forest District Council as agent for Hampshire County Council

Consideration was given to the above programme.

Members were supportive of the schemes included for the Hythe and Dibden area although it was felt that excess speed of vehicles and the enforcing of the delivery route for large vehicles along Frost Lane should be addressed in future schemes.

RESOLVED

That the Draft Traffic Management Programme for 2011/12 be supported.

276/10 Meeting Schedule 2011/12

Consideration was given for the proposed meeting schedule for 2011/12.

RESOLVED

That the proposed meeting schedule for 2011/12 be agreed.

277/10 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 31 December 2011

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring for the period ending 31 December 2011.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 31 December 2011 be accepted and approved.

278/10 Notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 25 January 2011

Consideration was given to the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 25 January 2011.

It was agreed that local residents should be consulted before the new benches are installed in The Grove gardens.

RESOLVED

That the Council purchase the outdoor exercise equipment option provided by Caloo at a cost of £11,995.00.

RESOLVED

That the Council provide funding to install two picnic benches which have board games incorporated into them at a cost not to exceed £1,000.00.

279/10 Signing of Documents – Lease of rooms at The Grove to New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau

RESOLVED

That authority be given to sign the documents as required by the Clerk to the Council.

280/10 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6522-6594 inclusive, totalling £41,457.86, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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